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Dr. Jas. E. Henderson.

People too often speak of the noble, notable and efficient men afar off and leave their own unnoticed.

The Forum feels that it is duty to not overlook our own men—men who represent ability and command respect. In saying these few words about Dr. Jas. E. Henderson, are in our opinion our duty to be performed as a real race, journal, or real journal ist.

Probably there is not a man in the city, of any race, possessing more thorough education, a higher moral standing, more efficient as a physician or a better integrity.

He is a graduate of the Northwestern School of Medicine, at Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, the acknowledged finest, or unsurpassed medical institution in the United States. A scholar, the doctor is brilliant, rarely so. He has been practicing medicine since 1883, his graduation, and stands unspotted, you will notice his card in this paper. We make this notice without the doctor's knowledge, and simply because we, as a part of Springfield's citizenry, are proud that we possess men of his calibre.

And, too, we do so in order that young and old men may take courage and be buoyant, hopeful and frugal, in order that they too, if they pursue the same course, can become factors and men of affairs—their efficacy in being a gentleman, a man and possessing integrity.

Will Reece be a Candidate for Re-election?

There is much time to intervene before another city election and yet people generally sum up the matter considerably ahead. A goodly number of the people who are not mere ward and political grafters, are watching the present executive with 'goo-goo' eyes. As we stated before if people want to rise politically, they must 'make good' after the initiative has been given them. The Forum has not as yet sought to ascertain whether or not all have been pleased, for such a thing is impossible and to expect such would be preposterous, but there are people, factors

in the party who should not be overlooked, and their counsel is efficacious—now is the time to let your lights shine, while there is oil in the cruise.

Ever since The Forum started it has taken a stand for all rights for all the people; we answered what we thought to be unjust attacks on our people by the daily papers; we have said a good word about every Negro business gratis, we written all the doings of our people, either at length or in condensed form; we are yet doing so. Now we think it time for these people to at least, become bona fide readers. You are forever talking about what ought to be denounced and you will not even pay for your paper—will you show up or shut up?

Col. A. C. Matthews of Pittsfield, is a candidate for lieutenant-governor. The colonel was at one time a member of the legislature, was speaker, and was controller of the currency when Harrison was president. He is at present commander of the G. A. R. This makes him a formidable opponent of any of those who may aspire. We know the colonel personally, know him to be a Republican in all that the word implies. The party could not make a better selection. He is really the best man to succeed L. Y. Sherman. The grand army men will support him with a vim.

The Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the National House, has been very conspicuous in St. Louis here of late, also other potentates of the National Capital. The Globe-Democrat accounts for the fact that Missouri is now a doubtful state.

Mr. Webster, the candidate for United States senator to succeed Hopkins, is cutting right and left. His circular portrays in a graphic way, the demerits of Mason and Hopkins. Mr. Webster is somewhat austere in his arraignment of his opponents.

Governor Folk made a strong speech at Nashville, Tenn., last week, scathing the idea of the protective tariff. We were surprised, as many people had thought the Governor from "over home" was a semi-republican. Probably Folk was giving in 'Rome' what 'Rome' would like.

Pittman—Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Booker T. Washington announce the engagement of their daughter, Portia Marshall to Mr. Sidney Pittman of Washington, D. C.

The marriage ceremony is to be solemnized at Tuskegee Institute during the latter part of the month of October—Florida Sentinel.

Little is heard now of Vardaman. Proposing an assault on the constitution is a losing game even in Mississippi.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Vardaman will go home to die after Jan. 1st.

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